

# Certification Policy 01-H: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Reentry

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**Background:** The rule which included 2<sup>nd</sup> year reentry process was repealed.

**Statute Reference:** Health and Safety Code, Section 773.059 Late Recertification

**Rule Reference:** §157.33 (k)(E) Reentry or late recertification

**Policy:** Candidates with an expiration date of 8/31/2000 or earlier, will be allowed 2 years from expiration to renew their certification. The EMT, EMT-I or paramedic candidate will submit the certification application and appropriate fee, if applicable. Advanced level candidates will pay a total fee of \$150 and basic level candidates will pay a total fee of \$100.

- (a) The paramedic candidate will be required to complete:
  - (1) a department approved refresher course or equivalent CE in appropriate content areas
  - (2) advanced BTLS or PHTLS course
  - (3) PALS or PEPP course
  - (4) ACLS course
  - (5) skills proficiency verification
- (b) The EMT-I candidate will be required to complete:
  - (1) a department approved refresher course or equivalent CE in appropriate content areas
  - (2) advanced BTLS or PHTLS course
  - (3) PALS or PEPP course
  - (4) AHA Provider Course C or equivalent
  - (5) skills proficiency verification
- (c) The EMT candidate will be required to complete:
  - (1) a department approved refresher course or equivalent CE in appropriate content areas
  - (2) BTLS or PHTLS course
  - (3) PALS or PEPP course
  - (4) AHA Provider Course C or equivalent
  - (5) skills proficiency verification

Card courses and CE hours must be completed no earlier than 2 years prior to application date. Completion of skills proficiency verification can be no earlier than 6 months prior to application date. All candidates shall achieve a passing grade on the certification exam. A candidate who fails the exam may retest by submitting the retest application and paying the \$25 retest fee, if applicable.

The candidate who fails the retest will be allowed a 2<sup>nd</sup> retest after completing a department approved refresher course dated after the first retest failure. The candidate will submit the refresher course certificate and retest application with \$25 retest fee, if applicable. The candidate who fails to renew their certificate within the 2 year period following their expiration date is required to meet initial requirements for certification which include completing another initial course (at the level of the expired certificate).

Candidates who meet these requirements will be recertified for four years commencing on the date of issuance of a certificate and wallet-size certificate.

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Signed March 14, 2001

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